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## C. V. Freight House Destroyed By Fire; Nothing Was Saved

Shortly before two o'clock last Sunday afternoon the freight house of the Central Vermont railroad at the foot of Parker Street was discovered by neighbors to be afire. The fire department with Chief Galen Stearns responded and immediately laid a line of hose from the hydrant on the highway in the fountain plot. Nearly 1500 feet of hose was required. The fire engine pumped from the mains but before a stream of water could be poured into the building the flames had encompassed the entire structure and it became doomed. Fed by inflammable material it proved to be a roaring inferno.

Evidently starting in the north end it burned toward the south end where a tenement occupied by Charles Speer and family together with all their personal property and contents were consumed. The Speers had gone away for the day and were with Mrs. Speer's mother in Swanzey, N. H., from which place Mr. Speer was summoned by phone. There was not much freight stored in the building. The firemen returned about five o'clock but a detail was kept on all night to watch the burning embers.

Not at any time was the passenger station or the residence of Charles Kehl in danger as no wind was blowing. There is no estimate made of the loss but it will probably not exceed \$5000. Hundreds were attracted to the fire, the first serious fire in Northfield for some time.

## Position Of Grange On The Court Matter

The National Grange through its Master, Louis J. Taber, has informed all local Granges of its position on the Supreme Court matter as follows:

The recent message of the President to the Congress, with reference to the Federal Courts, raises questions of vital and far-reaching importance to the American people as a whole. All will agree that any proper and constructive steps that can be taken to eliminate delay, reduce costs and improve judicial procedure in the inferior Federal courts should have general support. To this extent we are in accord with the views expressed by the President.

The proposal relative to the Supreme Court is one on which there are grave differences of opinion. The Supreme Court sits as a unit. Therefore the mere enlargement of personnel cannot increase either its speed or its efficiency. We doubt the wisdom of giving to any President of the United States, at any time, the right to change the size of the Court because of the age of its members.

We ask that these propositions be submitted to Congress in separate bills: to the end that the citizens of the United States may have full and ample opportunity, through their chosen representatives or by Constitutional amendment, to express their opinion on a matter of such vital import.

## School Papers Win

The "Hermite" of Mount Hermon School and the "Star" of Northfield Seminary were entered into the annual grading competition of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association just held. Over 900 papers were entered from 47 states. Both the Star and the Hermonite received second awards. The competition was held in New York.

## On Earning Basis

The financial report of the Millers Falls Tool Co., which is of interest to stockholders here shows a total net income for 1936 of \$106,653, equal after dividend requirements on preference and preferred stocks to 41 cents on each share of 93,500 shares outstanding. For 1935, 45 cents a common share was earned.

## Needs More Funds

Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle is in charge of the work of raising the necessary quota of the local WCTU toward the million dollar educational fund of the organization reports that the sum of \$37 is still lacking. Anyone who desires to contribute to this deficiency may do so by sending their contribution direct to Mrs. Lazelle.

All of us are more effective if we are moved by the spirit of useful service.

## Speaks In Northfield At Church Service On Woman's Work

Sponsored by the officers of the Franklin County District of the Woman's department of the Mass. Congregational conference, Mrs. Mary D. White on Monday evening began in Millers Falls a series of visits which will include, during the week, most of the Congregational churches of the county.

The president of the district is Mrs. Ambert G. Moody, who entertains Mrs. White during the week; the treasurer is Mrs. Fred A. Holton, and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle is director of hand work.

On Sunday evening, March 21, Mrs. White will be the speaker at the Congregational church in East Northfield, being the meeting which once each month is planned by the Woman's Misionary society.



MRS. MARY D. WHITE

## Dr. John McDowell Weighs Influence Of Dwight L. Moody

Speaking at the observance of the Moody Centenary in Springfield in the Wesley Methodist church last Sunday evening, Dr. John McDowell, chairman of the Centenary committee in connection with the Northfield schools, former Moderator of the Presbyterian church and active Christian worker delivered a most eloquent address which was appreciated by the vast audience which completely filled the church. Dr. McDowell had an intimate association with the great evangelist and gave him a fine tribute. He said in part:

"Great men influence the world in three ways: By what they say, by what they do and by what they are. The record of D. L. Moody's life proves that he influenced the world in all three ways. He influenced the world by what he said, by his preaching. Other preachers have spoken to crowds one day in seven for a few years, but here was a man who held and swayed multitudes six days in the week for nearly 30 years. Mr. Moody not only drew multitudes, but he moved them as did no other man of the century. And he drew men and women not to himself, but to Christ.

"D. L. Moody influenced the world by what he did. He was keenly alive to the fact that religion and education were the primary factors in the making of the individual and the nation. To this end he founded schools for the education of worthy youth of small means in which he aimed to make Christians, not critics, servants as well as scholars. He rejoiced in all that made the minds of men and women more capable of understanding.

"Mr. Moody also influenced the world by what he was. He was the product of his faith in Jesus Christ, and apart from this faith it would be impossible to account for him. His was a faith that was real to him and he made it real to others. Faith to Mr. Moody was a matter of consecration as well as affirmation, a way of walking rather than a way of talking, a way of working rather than a way of loafing.

"He was a man of singleness of purpose. His heart was in everything he did. He was a man of sterling sincerity. Between his pulpit utterances and his private life there was no fixed gulf, nor was there any between his Monday warfare and his Sunday worship. He was a hero to his own children and to his friends. He was a man of democratic spirit.

"Mr. Moody was a man of keen wit and practical common sense.

He was a firm believer that the best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend your time denouncing it but to lay a straight stick alongside it. He was a man of unceasing prayer. To him God was not a mere law or an abstraction, but he knew God was a Person who feels and thinks;

a Father who rules and loves and is concerned with everything that affects His children.

As a result, it is not surprising

to find him leading a life of ceaseless communion with God, out of which grew a life of over-coming strength.

"Measured by whatever standards you please, whether by his influence on men or on movements, or both, Mr. Moody stands out as one of the greatest men in the magnitude of his achievements and the pre-eminence of his influence."

## Club Will Picnic With Mrs. Polhemus

The Garden Club members are looking forward with pleasure to a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Polhemus on Main street Monday evening, March 22, at six-thirty o'clock.

The crowd will gather in the large lounge of the home around

the massive fireplace and here

each will enjoy the favored

portions of food and dishes

brought along from home. Then

after the feast of good things,

the members will settle back in

the easy chairs and be "hypnotized" with the glowing reports

by those whose good fortune it

was to visit the big flower show

at New York. Lantern slides

will also be used to describe

gardens and display in flower

shows.

She: Are you saving money

with your new budget system?

He: Sure! By the time I get it

figured out every evening it's too

late to go anywhere.

## "A Year Ago . . ." Flooded Waters Gave Us Much Concern

It's a year ago and the first anniversary of the big March flood of 1936 has its memories. Some exciting and interesting—many pathetic and many of unpleasant memory.

After an unusually cold winter, blanketed by a heavy fall of snow, spring rushed down upon us with its torrent of rain that established a record and left in its wake one of the most, if not the most disastrous flood that visited our section.

How helpless we were as we stood on the high land above the meadows to see the water and its burden of ice increase in its fury to rise higher and higher with each passing hour and end in the destruction of fine farms, the ruination of good homes, the obliteration of highways, the death of animals, the fall of bridges, the denial of mails, telephone and trains and a limitation upon the necessities of life. Northfield experienced the results of a flood in similar proportions to that sustained elsewhere. Today there yet remain silent reminders of that flood.

And as we recall that event we might also pay a tribute of appreciation to all those who so graciously responded in our community to the needs of the afflicted. Through the Red Cross and other organizations all was done that was humanly possible to bear the burdens of those in need. Our town officials played their part well and everywhere co-operation was furnished and given.

We will long remember that March flood—but let no one wish any happy return of the day.

## Highway To Boston To Improve Route 2

About May first, work will be started on an improvement and construction of the highway known as Route 2 as announced by Public Works Commissioner Callahan at Boston. The new work will be 28 miles in length and will cost about eight million dollars.

The highway will extend from the terminus of route 2 at Concord reformatory, along Massachusetts avenue, Acton, for three miles and then over new location through Boxborough, Harvard, Bolton, Lancaster, Leominster and North Leominster to Westminster.

It will by-pass the old road's congested areas at Littleton Common, Ayer, Lunenburg and Fitchburg.

The new highway will facilitate travel to Boston and bring this section much nearer by a shortening of time. The new road will be a four-lane modern highway with a twenty foot grass plot separating the two sides. Northfield and back in a single day with the privilege of pleasure and business will be become an ordinary happening.

Unless the town of Orange gets a move on and rebuilds its road through that town, motorists will find there the only unlikely experience along the whole route.

## Yes, It Snowed

Last Saturday morning was ushered in with a driving snow storm. The ground and trees were quite well covered with the mantle of white to a depth of three to four inches of a very fine grade of snow and enough to bring out shovels and brooms to clear the pathways. Going by motor was hard and walking dangerous as both the roads and walks proved slippery. Just before noon the State had its plows out on the main highways.

During the afternoon the sun began to shine for a time and the thermometer moved upward but toward nightfall the icy coated surface of our streets needed and received a sanding.

## THE ANNUAL OPERATION



## Went To New York; Saw Flower Show

### A Northfield Case Heard In Court

Despite the storm and deep snow a jolly party of Northfield citizens went on to New York City on Tuesday to avail themselves of the privilege of attendance at the big Flower Show held in Crystal Palace. They were all Garden Club enthusiasts. Driving by auto to Springfield, they boarded the special excursion train for New York in the early morning and had the day there returning late into the night to their homes here.

Among those in the group were Miss Blanche Corser, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Porter, Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Miss Emma Bigelow, Mrs. Mildred Addison, Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, Leon Dunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Dunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Ware, Harry Gingrass, Charles Browning, Richard Harrison, Mrs. Anna Freeman, Miss Luella Smith and others whose names the Editor has failed to secure. Everyone reports having had a most enjoyable time and those who appreciated the Flower Show have come back with some pretty good ideas to put into the Flower Show in Northfield next August.

The jury returned a verdict of \$500 for Mrs. Mello and \$100 for Mr. Mello.

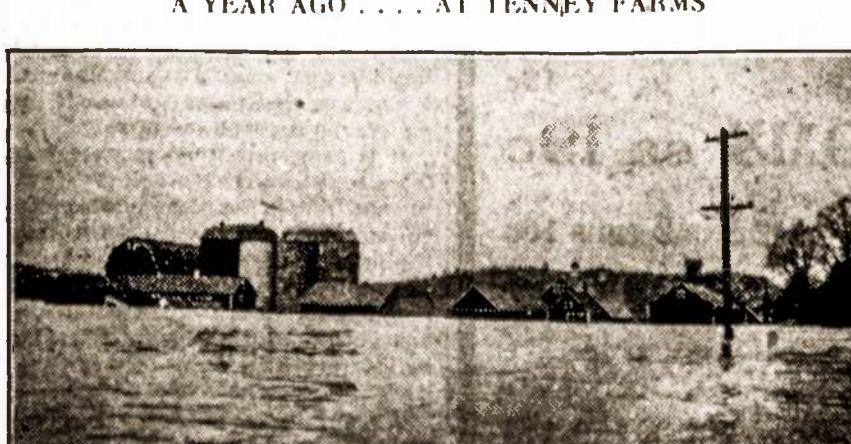
## Stainers "Crucifixion"

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Methodist Church in Greenfield Rev. H. F. Randolph pastor, will be rendered Stainers "The Crucifixion" under the direction of Prof. M. L. Gallagher, Director of Music in the Northfield Schools. The chorus will consist of the Senior and Youths Chorus of the church and the soloists are Mrs. Robert Hale, soprano; Mr. McKenzie, tenor, and John Bane, bass. William S. Jeffs, organist. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Northfield to attend.

A wedding breakfast will be served following a reception. Friends and relatives from Northfield and Hermon expect to attend.

The lessons that we learn so painfully in hard times are quickly forgotten in the sunshine of prosperity.

## A YEAR AGO . . . AT TENNEY FARMS



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## Disastrous Fire At Brattleboro Sunday Causes \$40,000 Loss

Three lives were lost, several persons badly burned and a property loss of \$40,000 was suffered when fire destroyed the Princess hotel and Colonial theatre on Elliott street in Brattleboro early last Sunday morning. It was the worst fire Brattleboro had ever experienced and the local firemen summoned aid from Greenfield and Hinsdale. The dead are Dan Bement, 27, of Brattleboro; Charles Frost, 35, of Brattleboro; Ernest Cloutier, 20, janitor at the Billings hotel. At the hospital are Roy Jacques, 22, of Brattleboro and Concepcion Frederico, 58, of South Boston, Mass., roomers at the hotel.

Bement and Frost were burned to death and their bodies found in the ruins. Cloutier, badly burned, was taken to the hospital, where he died. Jacques, badly burned, and Frederico, who was burned and overcome by smoke, are in a serious condition. The fire, which was discovered about 3:30 by Eugene Warner, a World War veteran, is believed to have started in one of the east side rooms on the second floor. The dead men had adjoining rooms.

The building is in a congested district surrounded by wooden buildings and is across the street from the woodworking plant of the Bradley corporation. The building destroyed was originally the First Baptist church, built about 1841 and used as a church until 1868. It was then converted into a three-story apartment house with six apartments and for many years was owned by the Estey Organ company. It later came into the possession of the late Charles Minor, who added a story to the original building and built an addition, the first floor of which was occupied as a moving picture theatre with a lodging house above.

On February 12, 1929, there was another serious fire in the apartments in which one life was lost. The building was repaired and later was sold to the late Charles F. Church, who previously had conducted the lodging business. The present owner is the widow of Mr. Church and she and her daughter, Mrs. Merle Fuller, conducted the lodging house, which was doing a successful business. The loss of about \$40,000 was partly covered by insurance.

The fire, termed "the worst in the history of Brattleboro," drew almost 10,000 spectators despite the early hour. More thousands visited the scene later in the day and an almost constant stream of traffic in the vicinity caused much trouble. CCC boys from nearby camps aided firemen in searching the ruins.

Fire Chief Henry E. Whitney, Jr., said he believed that a lodger smoking in bed, started the fire. When the alarm was given about 60 occupants, dressed lightly despite the freezing weather, fled for their lives with but little time to spare as the flames spread with incredible speed through the wooden structure.

First firemen to reach the scene hoisted their ladders to windows where screaming lodgers waited. Many escaped by the ladder route but the flames soon became so fierce that the firemen were obliged to leave the ladders to burn against the walls.

Excellent work on the part of the firemen, assisted by the out-of-town companies, was credited with saving damage to the business section of the town. Low temperatures handicapped the fire-fighters as hose lines quickly became coated with ice.

When news of the serious fire reached Northfield many motorists went up to Brattleboro to view the ruins. Standing walls have since been pulled down and the debris carted off. Manager Sharby of the Colonial Theatre estimates his loss at \$10,000 with no insurance.

## Quinlan - Demcaak

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Demcaak of Irvington, N. J., have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter Mary Loral to Robert Joseph Quinlan, son of James Quinlan of Newark, N. J. and formerly of Northfield on Saturday, April 10 at five o'clock at St. Leo's church in Irvington. The groom is well known here where he spent his boyhood and attended the public schools.

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Heinz SOUPS ..... 2 cans 25c  
Heinz KETCHUP ..... 2 14-oz. bot. 35c

Heinz CUCUMBER SLICES ..... lg. jar 19c  
5-String—Well-Made BROOMS ea 19c

Early JUNE PEAS ..... 2 No. 2 cans 15c  
CRISCO lb 19c  
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Land o' Lakes ASSORTED CHEESE ..... 2 1/2-lb pkg. 27c

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Heinz BABY FOODS ..... 3 cans 23c

EVAPORATED MILK Tall Can 6c  
Campbell's PORK AND BEANS ..... lg can 10c  
Salt Flaks CRACKERS ..... 2-lb pkg 13c

## At The Victoria

Amateur Nite Friday evening. On Friday and Saturday will be shown "Down the Stretch" with Patricia Ellis and Denato Moore. The co-feature is "White Hunter" with Warner Baxter and June Lang.

Beginning Sunday for a three-day showing is "Banjo on my Knee" with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea. This is an exceptionally good picture. The co-feature is "Laughing at Trouble" with Jane Darwell and Lois Wilson.

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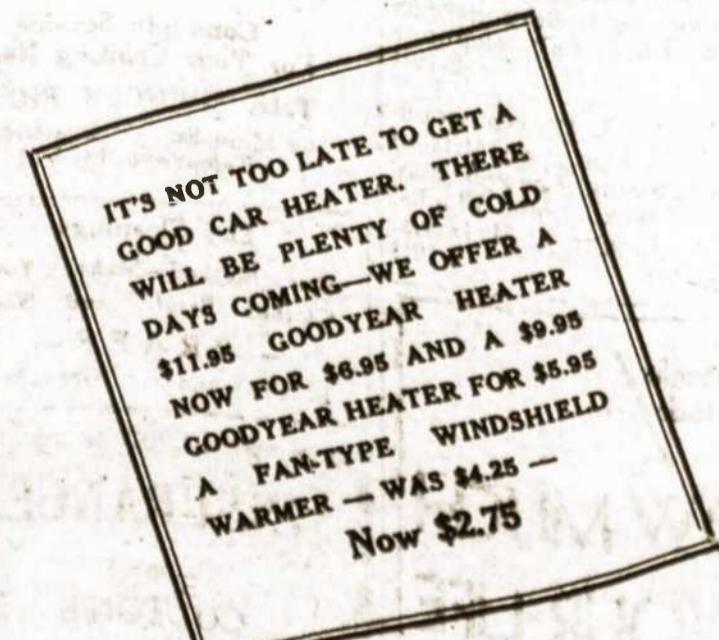
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## LOCALS

The only man getting ready for another winter seems to be Galen Stearns for he is accumulating huge piles of timber on his property at the junction of Routes 10 and 63 for seasoning and cutting. Looks as if he expects to have a big demand for wood next fall.

Robins and blue birds. They are here! We have it on the word of F. L. Tyler that he saw a robin and heard a bluebird. Who else has seen any?

It seems that the success of the town history is assured. With a revival of an old successful firm in business for many years in Northfield there will be no failure. Parsons & Stearns—what memories. And now Parsons is the author and Stearns the salesman. Yes the town history is at once a success and Parsons & Stearns will put it across.

The Girl Scouts of Troop II observed the Scout 25th anniversary last Thursday by a social time with ice cream and cake provided by Capt. Potts and Lieut. Abbott. They had a good time and extend their thanks. The cake had green frosting with the Scout emblem says Arline Dunnell, scribe.

The Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro will be closed next week for redecoration and painting from Monday to Friday.

Opening on Sunday and continuing through Tuesday will be shown at the Auditorium Theatre in Brattleboro the beautiful film story of "One Way Passage" with William Powell and Kay Francis. It is a love story with a tragic setting and much of the setting is on board ship at sea.

Honors in scholarship at the Pine street school for the term are as follows: High honors, Carleton Finch, Lillian Dawe in grade VIII. Honors, Pauline Spencer, Marie Young, James Mattern, grade VIII; Norton Field, Ruth Rikert, Barbara Hunt, William Huber, grade VII.

Monroe Smith, director of the American Youth Hostels is on a visit to Seattle, Wash., to discuss plans for hostel development in that section of the country. He will also visit Calgary, Canada on his return to attend the meeting of the Canadian Youth Hostel association on March 22.

The executive committee of the AYH (Youth Hostels) will meet here in Northfield on Saturday, April 3 and on Sunday, the 4th, the National Board will meet at Mt. Holyoke college.

Eleven training certificates have been awarded to those who participated in the first training course offered by the National Youths Hostel held here at the headquarters. Those who received certificates are William Andrus, Betty Blodgett, Warren Blodgett, Helen Conley, Margaret Dean, Anne Goddard, Miriam Hall, Arthur Hiltner, Karl Kauhild, William Nelson and Richard Silverthorn.

The Mount Hermon School Bulletin for February contains a splendid article on "Religion Today at Mount Hermon School" by Headmaster Dr. David R. Porter which is an article well worth reading.

The Northfield Farms Ladies' Benevolent Society will serve a bean and hash supper at Union Hall Thursday evening, March 25th, at six o'clock. Afterward a play entitled "Days of Long Ago" written by Mrs. Charles Gilbert will be given in the hall.

The monthly meeting of the State Federation of Womans Clubs in an institute and board meeting will be held at Worcester in the clubhouse of the Womans Club in that city on Thursday April first. Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole will speak at 10:30 A. M. Luncheon will be at 12:30 o'clock.

Joseph A. Putala of Gil pleased guilty of driving without a license in District Court at Northampton Monday.

The office of the Youth Hostel is putting out a new circular entitled "The Thrills of New Trails". It has a map of New England giving location of the various hostels and much valuable information.

The Northfield Basket Ball team is playing in the K. of C. Tournament at Greenfield, and last Friday evening were matched against the Charlemont five in an interesting game but suffered defeat by a score of 33 to 32. Those who represented Northfield were Buffum, Harris, Streeter, Kratz, Polhemus and Amsden.

The voice of Rev. Edward C. Morgan was heard in a radio broadcast of the services from Christ Church Cathedral of Hartford, last Sunday morning. He read the lessons for the day. Many local persons listened in.

## LOCALS

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their regular monthly meeting in Alexander Hall Wednesday afternoon.

The Northfield pinocchio team of members of Harmony Lodge of Masons played the fifth game in the series of six with members of the Hinsdale Lodge last Friday evening and are now leading by 32 points. At the close of the sixth game the losers will treat the winners to a supper.

They are off, today. The students of the Seminary are leaving for their spring vacation. Autos, busses and trains are being used and the day will be filled with unusual activities. Tomorrow, Saturday, Mount Hermon students will leave. Some students will remain through the vacation where home distances are too great and they will be quartered here. Vacation will end April first and it will be no joke.

Inventories filed in Probate Court at Greenfield in estate of Juliet Monant shows personal \$1750, real none. Fannie M. Parker personal \$447.21, real \$450.

In Probate Court last week administration was granted on the estate of Margaret C. Dale late of Northfield to William H. Dale also of town.

A report from the State House at Boston states that the requested appropriation for Franklin County budget for 1937 will be \$230,611 whereas in 1936 it was \$180,437.

A son was born Monday, March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Dana Clough of Northfield Farms.

Lewis Wood, who has been quite ill at his home in Northfield Farms is well on the way to recovery.

At the meeting of the Kings Daughters held at the Congregational Church at Millers Falls last Monday evening, Mrs. Mary D. White of New York was the guest speaker and she was introduced by Mrs. Albert G. Moody of town. Women from Farley and Erving attended the meeting which also included a supper.

After the first insertion in the Classified Column of the Press, Mr. Solandt found a good home for the fine dog he wanted someone to enjoy.

For the First Time A  
Gray 4-Cent Stamp

The Post Office here will soon be supplied with the new four-cent stamp in the Army and Navy commemorative series and it will be the first time that it will be printed in gray which supersedes the old conventional brown used since 1901. The new four-centers will probably reach here and be put on sale the last of the month.

The Army stamp will carry a portrait of Robert E. Lee on the left and one of Thomas J. Jackson, better known as "Stonewall" Jackson, on the right. Between the oval frames of the portraits is pictured Lee's home, "Stratford Hall." In squares at each lower corner is a large numeral "4" in white.

The Navy four-cent value resembles the three-cent Army now in circulation. The central design is composed of portraits of Sampson, Dewey and Schley in that order from left to right. Below is a view of the sea with ships in the background. The number of values is the same as on the Army stamp.

Gives Up Baseball;  
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For several years during the summer season enthusiasts at Winchester have provided some good games of baseball for the fans in this territory on what is known as the Anderson field near Warwick. But now the sad news breaks that the games were not financially supported, the crowd attending didn't come across and there will be no more games. When Doc Quarters and Charlie Hanna were asked recently about the prospects, they were quoted as saying, "there are no prospects. Baseball is a great sport—but there's plenty of grief keeping a team going. It costs real money and it takes plenty of time to take care of the incidentals. The crowd razzes and boos, the management has to take it on the chin and too often has to dig down in its own pockets to meet guarantees, player's salary and incidental expenses. It's asking too much of a few men to shoulder the responsibility, so, as far as we're concerned, Winchester will have no baseball club in 1937."

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## EDITORIAL

When J. Pierpont Morgan said that in thirty years all the great private fortunes would disappear the reporters asked John D. Rockefeller, Jr., what he thought, and he replied that he could not understand why Morgan set the time so far ahead when the ringing-down of the curtain would occur. Both of these illustrious sons of famous fathers apparently believe that "nothing is certain except death and taxes."

What a tragedy it is that all over America one of the things that stands in the way of great public improvements is the fact that, for every dollar's worth of material purchased for use in a public structure, the public believes a certain percentage goes to grease somebody's palm. So, when public improvements are proposed, the public is slow to stand up and clap hands.

What this country needs is more conservative statements. Nearly everything I hear is exaggerated. It leads me to spend too much time being excited about nothing. It is being admitted that war-time propaganda was exaggerated. All propaganda is exaggerated. Don't read propaganda. Do your own thinking.

When we consider the heartless persecutions to which Masons have been subjected within recent years in Italy and other European countries, and the violent and vengeful fate wreaked upon so many in Spain for no reason other than that they were Masons, we are assured that this unscrupulous and conscienceless band of villainous conspirators has innocent blood on its hands which no illustrations can ever remove.

A Big Program For  
Boy Scout Week

Development of the new Hampshire-Franklin Boy Scout Council camp and the budget for the new two years of Council operation will be financed in the Scout Campaign now being organized, it was announced this week by Council President, Harold M. Gore of Amherst.

The camp is located in Chesterfield township, Hampshire county, between Chesterfield and Williamsburg. The new camp consists of 150 acres, 96 acres of which is covered with timber. There is a good stream of water which, when dammed, will form a lake of more than 23 acres.

The goal of the two-year budget and camp financing campaign will be \$16,100, according to announcement by Council finance chairman, William C. Fitts. The operating budget is less than the amount financed two years ago, but in all districts an amount has been added to develop the year-around camp. The camp part of the budget includes construction of the dam, drilling well, clearing ground, erecting a dining hall, and payment on the camp site.

The camp is particularly well adapted to winter sports and year-around camping as well as vacation camping. There are several good buildings on the property. These will be used for the headquarters, recreational hall and handicraft shops.

"Scouting is not functioning properly unless its boys are prepared to meet tests under all conditions," said Mr. Gore. "Summer camping is a great thing. It helps the boys learn how to care for themselves and for others and to do things in a clean and wholesome surroundings that promote vigor, health and sturdiness. To me it is equally important for the Scout to be outdoors in the winter when conditions are a greater challenge to his ability. Ideal Scouting functions outdoors all the year."

The statement given by Mr. Fitts for the finance committee is as follows: "The Hampshire-Franklin Boy Scout council budget for 1937 and 1938 is the result of conscientious consideration of the needs of our boys. It represents a minimum need if Scouting is to march on efficiently. Financing the new camp is an immediate and urgent prob-

lem. The training that our boys must have will depend upon obtaining money for the camp as well as for council operation.

"The combining of the 1937 and the 1938 solicitations will mean substantial saving of time, money and effort.

"The goal of the present campaign is \$16,100. This is the goal that has been assured by the Amherst, Franklin, Easthampton and South Hadley Scouting districts. The items listed make the entire budget of the council and include the share of Northampton, where there will be no Boy Scout campaign because of the Scouts' participation in the Community Chest.

"The two year needs are as follows:

For education program, leadership training \$3,950.

For extension and promotion, to make Scouting available to all boys, \$2,200.

For troop supervision, general field service, \$3,200.

For inter-troop activities, field days, rallies, contests, civic service, \$660.

For administration, headquarters maintenance, service to our Scouts and Scouting, \$3,100.

For participation in national program and national council service, \$500.

For council office, light, rent, equipment, supplies, \$1710.

For camp operation and reserve for replacements, \$900.

For development of the five council administrative districts, \$2500.

For development of the new year-around camp, \$5200."

## FORTNIGHTLY

Following the business session of the Fortnightly at the meeting last Friday afternoon, in Alexander hall, Mrs. Wright, president, presented Dr. Allen Wright who gave a most informing talk illustrated with pictures on Cancer and its effects. This talk was given in accordance with the recommendation of the Federation that each club present this subject at some meeting during the year.

The music committee, Mrs. Briesmaster chairman, presented a very fine musical program given by Miss Keller, Miss Grindeland, Miss Jennings, and Miss Field, all of Northfield Seminary. Numbers included were:

*A Dream of Jeanie*, Stephen Foster and *Blossom Time*, Alice Needham, by Miss Ruth Field. Miss Keller played three numbers: *Fantasia in C minor*, Bach; *Intermezzo* in E-flat major, Brahms; and *Arabesque No. 2*, Debussy. Miss Patricia Jennings of Connecticut sang *Hark, Hark the Lark*, Schubert-Shakespeare, and *The Answer*, Huntington Ferry.

Miss Keller's playing is always a delight, her numbers gave especial pleasure. The audience showed their full appreciation of the fresh young voices of Miss Field and Miss Jennings. Miss Grindeland's accompaniments were easy and sustained.

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Services at the South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor, on Sunday will be as follows: Morning worship 10:45; church school 12:15; evening worship 7:00. Mid-week service at Advent Home, Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Choir rehearsal will be Sunday at 8:15 at South Vernon church directly after evening service. All who can and will sing in the Easter services are invited to attend.

Rev. Howard A. Mitchell was the preacher at both services last Sunday at the South Vernon church. E. W. Dunklee sang a solo in the morning and Mrs. Gertrude Gibson in the evening.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Godlesby of Brookline on March 13. He is a grandson of Fred O. Stockwell and the late Mrs. Stockwell.

Warren G. Brown of Mt. Hermon was with his mother, Mrs. M. H. Brown over the week-end. The death of Mrs. Fred O. Stockwell, age 68, took place at Athol on Friday, March 12 after a long illness. She had visited in South Vernon to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, the late Rev. George E. Tyler, last August and after her return she became seriously ill. She was Emma Eliza Newton, daughter of William and Selina Horton Newton of South Vernon and had two sisters, Mrs. Lula Tyler, wife of the late Rev. George E. Tyler of South Vernon, Mrs. Lottie Lenora Loveless, wife of Rev. W. E. Loveless of Huntertown, Ind., and one brother Alonzo A. Newton deceased. She had two half-sisters, Mrs. Harriet Webster of Brattleboro and Mrs. Isabella Lawrence also of Brattleboro. One half brother, William H. Newton, deceased. Mrs. Stockwell was born in South Vernon, Feb. 4, 1869 and lived at the Newton homestead during her childhood, attending the public schools and later the Northfield Seminary. She was married to Fred O. Stockwell and went to Athol to live where they have resided for 50 years. They had one son, now deceased, and one adopted daughter, Margaret, wife of Vincent Godlesby of Brookline. Mrs. Stockwell was a member of the Starrett Memorial M. E. church. The funeral was held from her home last Sunday and burial was in Silver Lake cemetery. Many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which she was held by her many friends. Surviving are her husband and daughter, several nieces and cousins. Among the relatives and friends who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Mrs. Carl Meissner, A. A. Dunklee, W. N. Dunklee, Mrs. M. H. Brown, and Mrs. Vesta Brown of South Vernon; Mrs. Harriet Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freeman of Brattleboro.

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Folk Dancing will be demonstrated by the younger troop, and a first-aid playlet, written by Capt. Thompson, will be enacted by members of her troop. A list of those girls to be awarded badges will be printed next week.

In Shelburne Falls, Colrain and Buckland the school committee have decided by vote that when a public school teacher marries, her contract automatically terminates. This ruling is made similar to the position taken by many other towns in the state. The ruling does not affect teachers who were already married when employed.

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At Center School

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High honors in grade 8 were awarded to Richard Danforth, Donald Newton and Evelyn Russell; grade 6, Barbara Addison, Arline Dunnell and Janet Kehl;

grade 5, Betty Phelps, Karlen Tyler and Fay Warnock. Honors in Grade 8 were to June Browning, Gladys Edson, Dorothy Pratt, Joseph Holton, Helen Savchek, Ruth Spaulding, Ethel Tenney and Genevieve Wozniak;

grade 7, Helen Dymerski, Peter Ladzinski, Billy Richardson, Winona Robinson, Esther Smolen and Fred Stone; grade 6, William Andrews, Olive Fisher, Gloria Savchek and Alice Stevens; grade 5, John Addison, Stephen Gorzokoski, Robert Johnson, Jean Murphy, Roger Polhemus, Carl Stone, Arline Williams and Donald Woodbury.

Those who have a record for perfect attendance are: Donald Newton, Geneva Czupkiewicz, Ethel Tenney, Billy Stratton, Helen Dymerski, Billy Richardson, Stanley Johnson, Francis Fisher, Muriel Dresser, Betty Richardson, Ethel Miner, Janet Kehl, Olive Fisher, Barbara Harris, Alice Stevens, Robert Johnson, Betty Phelps, Roger Polhemus, Olga Schryba and Fay Warnock.

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